



**I'M GONNA
KEEP MOVING
FORWARD!
SO QUIT
BLOCKING
MY WAY!**

**YOU'RE
MY BEST
FRIEND,
YOU OF ALL
PEOPLE
SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO UNDER-
STAND!**



**YOU'RE
GONNA BE
LETTING ME
MY MERRY
WAY TO
DEEPEN OUR
TIES WITH
POLARIS!**

**HAHA/
NICE SHOT
KIHIRO!
BUT YOUR
LEGS
ALREADY
LOOK LIKE
THEY'RE
MADE OF
STRAW!**



**WHAT A
WASTE OF
PRECIOUS
TIME ON
THIS LONG-
AWAITED
SUNDAY!**

**LET'S
GET THIS
OVER WITH
ALREADY!**





LIKE
THAT TIME
WHEN
WE WERE
LITTLE,
WHEN
KEITAROU
GOT
HIMSELF
STUCK IN
A CAVE...

IT'S A FUNNY
STORY LOOKING
BACK ON IT NOW,
BUT IF I REALLY
TRIED AND
STOPPED HIM,
KEITAROU COULD
HAVE AVOIDED
GETTING INTO
TROUBLE.



IT WAS
ALWAYS
LIKE
THIS...

I WAS ALWAYS
DAZZLED BY
THAT SMILE ON
KEITAROU'S
FACE AS HE
CHARGED
FORWARD.



AND
THEN I'D
REGRET
IT LATER.

EVEN WHEN
I KNEW
WHAT LIED
AHEAD WAS
DANGEROUS,
I COULDN'T
STOP HIM.



AND IF I
LET HIM KEEP
GOING, HE'LL
SOON BE OUT
OF REACH!

SOMEHOW,
I KNOW. HE'S
TREADING A
DANGEROUS
PATH!

I'VE GOT
A REALLY
BAD
FEELING
ABOUT
WHAT
KEITAROU
IS SAY-
ING AND
DOING
RIGHT
NOW!

HELL NO
I WON'T!!

GIVE
UP?

BUT...

...WHAT KIND
OF FRIEND AM I
IF I CAN'T EVEN
PULL HIS HAND
WHEN HE'S
IN DANGER?!

I WANT
KEITAROU
TO ALWAYS
KEEP
PUSHING
FORWARD
IN HIGH
SPIRITS!

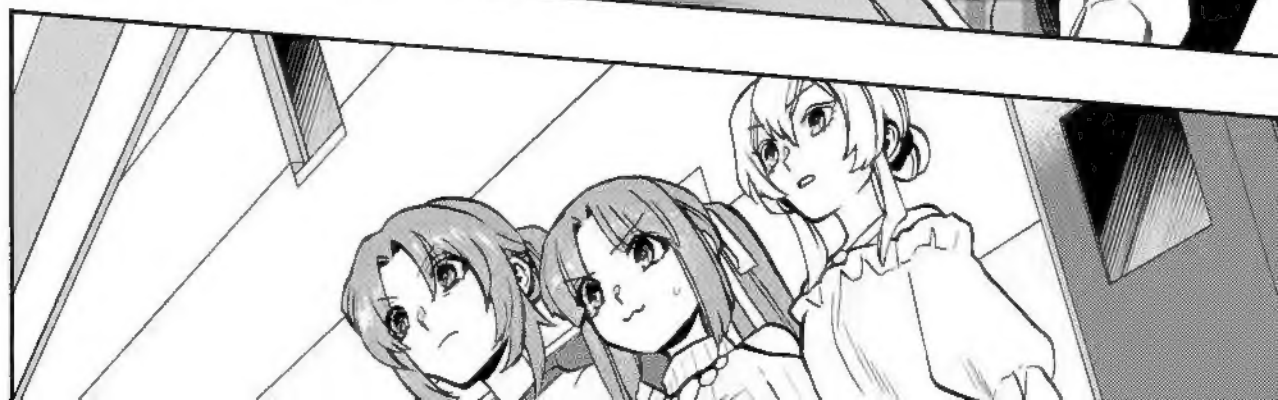
KIHIRO
RYUGU,
YOU
DUMB
ASS!!

IF I WANT
TO CALL
MYSELF
HIS BEST
FRIEND,
THEN...

I CAN'T
FOGIVE
MYSELF
FOR ACTING
AS IF I'M
HIS BEST
FRIEND YET
FAILING TO
DO THAT!



I WILL
PROTECT
KEITAROU,
EVEN IF I
HAVE TO
BEAT HIM
UP TO DO
IT!!!





I'M TELLING
YOU WE NEED
TO PROPERLY
THINK IT
THROUGH!

I'M NOT
SAYING YOU
CAN'T GET
INVOLVED WITH
POLARIS!

BUT THERE'S
A RIGHT
WAY TO GO
ABOUT IT!

...YOU
YOURSELF
WILL FEEL
TERRIBLE
ABOUT IT,
KEITAROU!!

IF YOU GET
INVOLVED TOO
RECKLESSLY
AND SOMEBODY
GETS HURT...



THAT'S WHY
I'M TELLING
YOU, WE NEED
TO TAKE THE
TIME AND
THINK IT
THROUGH
TOGETHER,
YOU BLOCK-
HEAAAD!!

IF
IT WAS
SOME-
THING YOU
COULD
THINK UP
ON THE
SPOT, IT
WOULDN'T
BE THIS
COMPLI-
CATED!

BUT KEI-
TAROU, I'M
CERTAIN YOU
ARE GOING
ABOUT THIS
THE WRONG
WAY!!

RIGHT HERE!
RIGHT NOW!
THIS INSTANT!

THEN
GO ON,
TELL ME!
TELL ME THIS
SO-CALLED
"RIGHT WAY"
TO GET
INVOLVED
WITH
THEM!!

THE
RIGHT
WAY TO
GO
ABOUT
IT?!



READ HIS
THOUGHTS,
KEITAROU
...

THINK
ABOUT IT
FROM HIS
POINT OF
VIEW...

WHAT
IS HE
THINK-
ING?

HOW
COULD
HE
CORNER
ME?

WHAT'S
KIHIRO'S
NEXT
MOVE?

WE'RE
BOTH
RUNNING
LOW ON
AMMO AND
RUNNING
OUT OF
OPTIONS...

SHIT...

IT'S
HOT...

HOT
ENOUGH
I WANNA
DUMP
THE WATER
FROM THIS
GUN ON
MY HEAD,
RIGHT
NOW...



KIHIRO'S
ALWAYS SO
COOL HEADED,
SO IT'S GREAT
TO SEE HIM
FACE ME
WITH SUCH
PASSION!

...AHH,
THIS
IS FUN...

NO ONE
BUT KIHIRO
COULD PUT
UP A FIGHT
LIKE THIS!

HOW LONG
HAS IT BEEN
SINCE I
BUTTED HEADS
WITH HIM?

WHERE HE'S
TAKING IT THIS
SERIOUSLY?





EVER
SINCE
I HEARD
ABOUT
POLARIS
...

...KIHIRO AND THE
OTHERS. SOMEHOW,
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE
BEEN
NEGLECT-
ING...



AND
JUST WHAT
WAS IT
THAT I
WANTED TO
CHERISH?

WHAT
SHOULD
I BE
HOLDING
DEAR...?



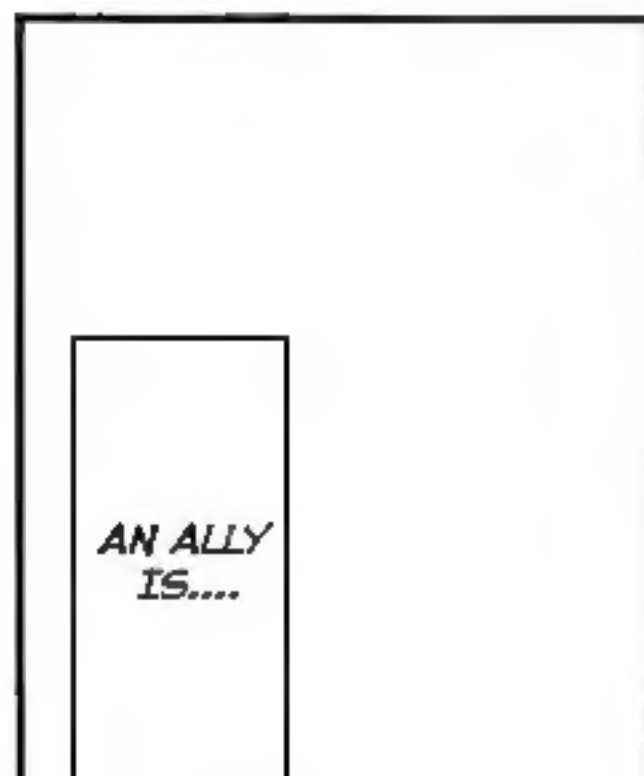
IT'S YOUR
ALLIES
THAT ARE
YOUR
TREASURE.



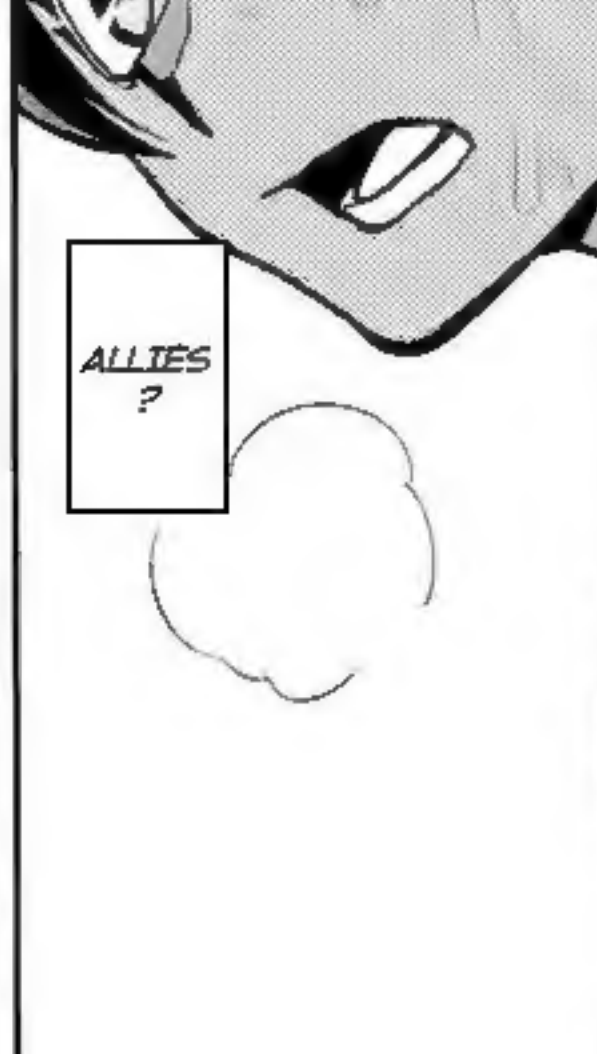
HAR-
MONY
AMONG
PEOPLE
?



MAKING
NEW
FRIENDS?



AN ALLY
IS....



ALLIES
?





**SOMEONE
WHO'D STAND
RIGHT IN
FRONT OF ME,
EARNESTLY
THINKING OF
ME, RIGHT?**







...HUH...?

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